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## **NEWS ADVISORY**

## **Utah Rule Provides First Year of Patient Safety Data**

**WHAT:** A first year summary of Utah's patient safety initiative will be released by the Utah

Department of Health (UDOH), Utah Hospitals and Health Systems Association (UHA), and HealthInsight. The UDOH's patient safety rules that took effect October 1, 2001, require hospitals and outpatient surgical centers to report adverse medical and drug events and to have programs to improve patient safety. Utah's

progress with its patient safety initiative will be discussed.

**WHO:** Scott Williams, M.D., Deputy Director

Utah Department of Health

Rick Kinnersley, President

Utah Hospitals and Health Systems Association

**WHEN:** Friday, December 20, 2002

10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Martha Hughes Cannon Health Building

288 North 1460 West

Room #125 Salt Lake City

Due to our speakers' schedules interviews will only be provided at the news conference. Thank you.